

Welcome to



Heart House Inclusive Productions, Inc's dedication to an inclusive theatre experience extends beyond the stage to our theatre-goers. Below you will find tips to help all audience members enjoy the show!

Info at a Glance

- **Bathrooms** are located just across from the auditorium entrance. Toilets are auto-flush. Although there are paper towels, there are blow dryers in the bathrooms as well.
- A **water fountain** is located just across from the auditorium entrance.
- **Ushers** can help guide you to quiet areas. There are many areas in the lobby that may provide a break from the show.
- The light/sound boards are at the rear of the auditorium and the audience can see them. Stage techs are wearing t-shirts and communication headphones.
- There is one **intermission**. **Concessions** are sold before the show and at intermission, but must be consumed in the lobby.

Resources

There are a variety of resources available to help prepare for and to manage reactions during the show.

"Going to a Play" social story narrative. By visually presenting information about what the theatre-goer can expect, a social story can help to reduce uncertainty about attending a play. The "Going to a Play" story includes pictures and description of attending a show at the Ferlazzo Building.

In addition to the Going to the Play social stories, several **short social stories** are available in the lobby:

- **I Can Wait.** A story about crowds and waiting
- **It's Pretend.** A story about lights, sounds, and scary stuff
- **If I Need a Break.** A story with strategies for those who need a sensory or movement break.
- **Quiet Areas:** for theatre-goers who need a break and a quiet area
- **Fidgets and Quiet Activities:** for theatre-goers who struggle with waiting and focus
- **Ushers:** We have ushers with specialized training in working with individuals with disabilities and special needs. We are here to assist with guidance and resources.

Sensory-Friendly Performance

At our sensory-friendly performance, sound- and light-levels are decreased, houselights are only partially dimmed, and some of the more unexpected aspects of the performance are eliminated or reduced.

Be Prepared

The SpongeBob Musical, while a lot of fun, also contains some "scary" themes and scenes. While we cannot anticipate *everything* that might be considered frightening or unexpected, you can use the "It's Pretend" social story to help prepare your family.